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HEINKEL BOMBER SHOT DOWN OFF SCOTTISH COAST: ANOTHER ENEMY RAIDER IS DESTROYED OFF NORTHUMBERLAND

Nazi Cargo Steamer Captured By French Destroyer

How a boarding party from a French destroyer captured the German cargo vessel Rostock (2,542 tons) before she could be scuttled was revealed by the French Admiralty yesterday, according to a Reuter message from Paris.

On a moonless night the lookout on the destroyer sighted a black object which turned out to be the Rostock steaming without lights.

The boarding party put out and rowed towards the German vessel.

Waiting until the party was almost alongside the German ship, the French warship increased her speed and, drawing alongside, switched on her searchlights and ordered the Germans to surrender.

While the German crew was watching the warship, the boarding party climbed aboard and took them by surprise.

Under the command of a French lieutenant, the sailors took the Rostock into a French port and landed her cargo of bauxite.

3 S'HAI SHOOTINGS IN 3 DAYS

YET ANOTHER SHOOTING, the third in successive days, occurred yesterday morning in the heart of the International Settlement in Shanghai when four shots were fired at Mr. Liu Chung-ying, aged 41, by two gunmen, one of whom was arrested by two Chinese police constables.

According to a Reuter message, the motive for the crime is believed to be political.

Mr. Liu was wounded in the throat and chest and is lying in hospital in a critical condition.

A man of varied interests, Mr. Liu was a member of the Executive Committee of the Chinese Railways' Association, chief clerk of the Citizens' Section of the War Refugee Relief Committee, Manager of a bath-house and the Chinese Radio Station.

British Civil Estimates

BROADCASTING INCREASE

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter)—Civil estimates and estimates for the revenue departments for 1940 issued today total £506,000,000 compared with £571,000,000 in 1939.

This apparent reduction included services now being met from votes of credit in accordance with the Treasury minute, dealing with the token form.

The Secret Service requires £10,500,000, representing an increase of £400,000, while provision for broadcasting is £4,500,000 an increase of £735,000.

CHINESE ACADEMY FOR MUSIC

CHUNGKING, Feb. 27 (Reuter)—The Ministry of Education is holding a meeting today to discuss the establishment of a national academy for music near Chungking.

French Planes Behind Siegfried Line

A GERMAN HEINKEL RAIDER WAS ENGAGED AND SHOT DOWN BY A PATROL OF THE FIGHTER COMMAND OF THE ROYAL AIR FORCE OFF THE MOUTH OF THE FIRTH OF FORTH SHORTLY BEFORE ONE O'CLOCK YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

This announcement was made by the Air Ministry, according to a Reuter report from London last night.

The Air Ministry also announced that a second Heinkel bomber was shot down off the Northumberland coast early in the afternoon.

The members of the crew were seen to take to the rubber boat.

A Reuter message from The Hague stated that it was officially announced that aeroplanes of an unknown nationality were observed on Monday night flying along the coast of the Netherlands near Amsterdam and over the Utrecht Province.

Dutch anti-aircraft guns fired at them repeatedly.

A Hava message from Oslo stated that an official communiqué was issued by the Admiralty denying the allegation that three British planes flew over Norwegian territorial waters on Monday. This rumour was circulated by the German News Agency.

No foreign aircraft were sighted, it was pointed out.

MARKED ACTIVITY IN THE AIR

PARIS, Feb. 27 (Reuter)—Activity on the Western Front has been more marked in the air than on land during the past 24 hours.

There was the usual activity of reconnaissance and photographic patrols over the lines escorted in each case by fighters.

French planes made long reconnaissance flights behind the Siegfried Line.

There were German reconnaissance flights over France early this morning. They crossed the frontier in a body of 30 to 40 machines and then split up into groups of five, six and ten machines and headed in different directions.

Alarms were, therefore, given almost everywhere in the north-east France and Paris area.

PARIS ALARM

About 4.30 a.m., a group of planes crossed the Paris alarm line and the alarm was sounded.

Previously two planes approached the Paris area but no alarm was given though anti-aircraft batteries opened fire. It was explained that the alarm was not normally given for one or two reconnaissance machines.

QUIET NIGHT

PARIS, Feb. 27 (Reuter)—The communiqué issued today stated that the night was quiet on the whole front.

RUBBER RATION IN GERMANY

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 27 (Reuter)—According to the Berlin correspondent of the Politiken, rubber, particularly rubber for tyres, is the next object to be rationed in Germany.

It is stated that from March 15 each driver must possess a rubber card. Repairs and exchanging of tyres and inner tubes can only be made on presentation of the new card.

Before beginning the rationing scheme, drivers with petrol licences will have their tyres inspected and valued.

Severe combats have taken place

RUSSELL YOUNG INDICTED IN TOKYO

DISTRICT COURT TRIAL

TOKYO, Feb. 27 (Reuter)—James Russell Young, Far Eastern manager of the International News Service, who is at present in the Ushigome Model Prison, will be tried in the Tokyo District Court. He was arrested on Jan. 1.

Meanwhile, he remains under detention.

Russell Young was indicted today on a charge of fabricating and spreading rumours concerning the Japanese forces in China.

According to a statement by a Japanese Foreign Office spokesman on February 2 Russell Young was charged under the Army Criminal Code with the following offences:

Sending "rumours" and elsewhere in China between October 16, 1938, and January 6, 1940, to the International News Service head office in the United States and to newspapers and magazines in Japan some 38 "extremely slanderous news items" regarding the Japanese forces operating in various parts of China."

Spreading "fabrications and rumours" regarding actions of the Japanese forces in China among many Japanese and foreigners at the Imperial Hotel in Tokyo and elsewhere between January 8 and 19, 1940.

JAPANESE FORCED BACK SOUTH-WEST OF NANNING: SPORADIC FIGHTING

ON THE SOUTH KWANGSI FRONT, Feb. 27 (Central)—After being defeated by the Chinese, the Japanese at Funan, south-west of Nanning, have retreated to Taitong, on the Southern Kwangsi border, 35 miles south of Nanning.

Sporadic fighting continues on the Nanning-Yamchow highway and the Nanning-Pinyang highway.

SHIUIHING, Feb. 27 (Central)—Chinese troops operating on the Sunwul-Hokshan highway had a chance encounter with the Japanese at Toyun and Muklong on Feb. 23. The Japanese directed heavy artillery fire against the Chinese, but failed to check their advance.

Fighting was intensified in the evening when the Japanese were reinforced. It continued on the following day. The Japanese were finally driven away, abandoning some 200 dead.

JAPANESE REPULSED TUNJI, ANHWEI, Feb. 27 (Central)—More than 1,000 Japanese troops launched an offensive at Liyang, 65 miles south-east of Nanking, on Feb. 24. They were repulsed on the following day.

Following in pursuit, Chinese troops overtook the Japanese at Nantu, north-west of Liyang, and inflicted more casualties upon them.

CHINESE CORDON LANZHOU, Feb. 27 (Central)—Chinese forces are tightening their steel ring around Wuyuan, important town in West Suyuan, which fell into Japanese hands recently.

Severe combats have taken place

SAITO CASE IN FOREFRONT OF POLITICAL SITUATION IN JAPAN: DIET SUSPENSION IS PROBABLE

What Constitutional Govt. Means In Japan

TOKYO, Feb. 27 (REUTER)—THE SAITO AFFAIR CONTINUES TO BE IN THE FOREFRONT OF THE DOMESTIC POLITICAL SITUATION IN JAPAN.

As a result of the appearance before the Diet Disciplinary Committee last Saturday of Mr. Takao Saito, veteran member of the Minseito Party, who caused a storm by his questions regarding the Konoye statement which is being used as a basis by the Government in its efforts to end the China conflict, the gap between those demanding his expulsion from the Lower House, and those opposed to such an action, has widened.

The Government is avoiding interference in the matter for the time being but has communicated to the political parties that they should show no leniency in considering Mr. Saito's punishment.

The attitude of the Army and Navy has strengthened but these quarters are much concerned over the ultimate outcome of the issue.

The Cabinet is watching developments and is understood to be planning an order for suspension of the Diet if Party leaders are unable to enforce action and dispose of the affair speedily.

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All the six occupants perished. They comprised Lieut-General Hisao Hozoji, Major Misao Okada, Flight Lieut-Col. Toshihiko Tsuji, two non-commissioned officers and one mechanic.

A telephone message from Kyoto reports that a large-sized plane had dive-bombed and crashed into a paddy field in Matsui village and burst into flames about 1.49 p.m.

Villagers rushed to the scene but were helpless and watched the wrecked plane burn almost out of recognition. The police and gendarmerie authorities were communicated with.

The message says that the charred bodies of the unfortunate occupants were recovered and they were identified by the uniforms and epaulettes.

Lieut-General Hozoji was Commander of the Japanese Military Air Force which participated in the Nonomura incident.

TRIBUTE TO DR. JOSEPH BEECH

CHUNGKING, Feb. 27 (Reuter)—An official mandate has been issued here in which tribute is paid to the services of the American missionary, Dr. Joseph Beech, who was a former President of the West China Union University at Chengtu, and is said to have raised \$5,000,000 for the University.

POPE RECEIVES MR. TAYLOR

VATICAN CITY, Feb. 27 (REUTER)—President Roosevelt's "peace" Envoy, Mr. Myron C. Taylor, was received by the Pope for the first time today.

The Ministry of Transport reveals that the number of motor vehicles registered for the first time in Britain during January was 11,746, compared with 40,001 in January, 1939. (BWS).

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Striking Feature Of Karelian Isthmus Fighting

A striking feature of the recent fighting on the Karelian Isthmus, states Reuter's correspondent from London, is that Russian reinforcements reached the front line at Kaislahti in less than two days after leaving Leningrad.

The distance is not great, but says this military correspondent, this proves that the Russian lines of communication are in excellent running order.

In the same efficient manner, the Russians have been able to keep their 8-inch and 8-inch guns supplied with ammunition. The effect of these guns on the Isthmus has been considerable and they have destroyed everything in their terrific bombardments.

Transport will not be easy when the Russians encounter the No Man's Land of yesterday and they may regret that they damaged the roads and railways.

FORTESS GUNS TAKEN

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 27 (Reuter)—The Finnish garrison in Kotivisto not only safely reached the Finnish lines but also removed from the fortress guns and everything else likely to prove useful to the Russians.

Casemates, and everything not removable, have been blown up.

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Weekly Shipping Losses Well Below Average: 4 British, 3 Neutral

LONDON, Feb. 27 (BWS)—Shipping losses due to enemy action for the week ended midnight Feb. 25 comprise four British and three neutral vessels totalling 26,628

LOWER WAR RISK RATES

LONDON, Feb. 27 (BWS)—An important new development in the unofficial schedule of suggested rates for covering ships of different nationalities against war risks, circulated at Lloyd's for the first time yesterday, is the quotation of lower rates for many vessels when sailing in convoy.

Reasons for the discrimination are that Germany draws no distinction between ships of belligerent and neutral nations and that ships sailing in convoys, as clearly shown by past records, enjoy a degree of safety which those unconvoyed do not.

Although scales have long been issued for cargo this represents the first carefully prepared scale for ships.

SCUTTLING PREVENTED

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter)—The German ship Wahehe, which recently sailed from a Spanish port, has been captured by a British warship and brought to a British port.

It is understood that the German crew was prevented in their attempt to scuttle the ship.

LASCARS INJURED

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter)—One Lascar was killed, fifteen were injured, and two officers were hurt when the Clan Morrison (5,936 tons) struck a mine in the North Sea. The crew were landed at an East Coast port on Sunday.

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In the World of Sports



TOMASHEVSKY DEFINITE FIND FOR KOWLOON Kotewall Cup Final Was Rather Tame Affair BY "PILAT"

ON SATURDAY, KOWLOON CAUSED A FIRST-CLASS LEAGUE SURPRISE BY HOLDING THE CHAMPIONS, SOUTH CHINA "A.", TO A DRAW OF THREE GOALS ALL.

Kowloon thoroughly deserved to share the spoils as they fielded three reserves but in Tomashovsky, a definite "find" for them this season, the mainlanders may have just what they need, in their attack. Tomashovsky, who is reported to have played in representative games in Tientsin, gave an excellent showing on Saturday and was easily the best winger that Kowloon has so far tried.

Macao Races On Sunday

LIST OF ENTRIES & HANDICAPS

The following are the entries and handicaps for the March Race Meeting of the Macao Jockey Club to be held on Sunday, Mar. 3:

1st Race. The Pleasant Quarters Handicap. Six Furlongs:-

Country Flower (135) Courte Bleu (135) Fairy Auk (152) Fairy Ouse (152) Gold Clause (135) Hogmanay (135) Hohenfels (135) Merry Maker (135) Morning Tip (135) Rothesay Bay (135) Shanghai 4 (160) Wood Nymph (146).

2nd Race. The Republican Handicap. (First Section) "E" class Once Round:-

Cuban Love (162) Eagle (155) Gallant Marshal (158) Heddon (161) Lucky Eleven (158) Mac's Adventure (145) National Anthem (155) National Triumph (147) Rose Day (145).

3rd Race. The Republican Handicap. (Second Section) "E" class Once Round:-

Black Diamond (140) Cloudy Star (145) Double Up (140) Iron Knight (142) King's Envoy (148) Labour Day (140) National Dignity (152) Opening Batsman (147) Persian Cat (162).

4th Race. The Democratic Handicap. "D" class Five Furlongs:-

Dekko (164) Fei Ying (140) Phoenix (162) Talkative (158) The Tigress (156).

5th Race. The Victory Handicap. One Mile:-

Country Flower (135) Courte Bleu (135) Fairy Auk (152) Fairy Ouse (152) Gold Clause (135) Hogmanay (135) Hohenfels (135) Merry Maker (135) Morning Tip (135) Rothesay Bay (135) Shanghai 4 (160) Victory Life (155) Wood Nymph (146).

6th Race. The Kuo Hua Handicap. Five Furlongs:-

Cloudy Star (143) Double Up (140) Eagle (158) Iron Knight (142) National Triumph (150).

In connection with the "Victory Handicap," the 5th Race on the programme, a special \$1 sweep is being conducted. The cost of a Through Ticket, including a chance in the Special Sweep, is \$7 per set, and is obtainable from the Club's office, 2nd Floor, Gloucester Building.

ADVERTISEMENT SPORTING FIXTURES

TODAY

BADMINTON LEAGUE—B. Division, St. Andrew's v. Kowloon Tong; St. Teresa's v. King's College; St. John's v. K.C.C.

FOOTBALL—R. Scots v. Middlesex (Sookunpoo, 4.15 p.m.).

LAWN BOWLS—H.E. The Governor's Team v. R.A. H.K.V.D.C.

RUGBY—Navy A v. Club, on Club Ground, 5 p.m.

TENNIS—H.K. University Tennis Championships, at University Courts, 4.30 p.m.

TOMORROW

BADMINTON—Men's Senior

Singles: H.B. Teoh v. P.S. Bun

(University); W.T. Ho v. H.

Eardley (King's College), 8 p.m.

K.L. Yong v. H.M. Lau (King's

College), 8.45 p.m.; S.C. Chung

v. H. F. Chew (King's College),

9.30 p.m. Men's Junior Singles:

N.L. Smith v. P. Lo (Taikoo),

8 p.m.; K.L. Anderson v. W.

Gillies (Taikoo), 9.30 p.m.

Open Tennis Championship Draw Made

The draw for the Colony Open Championship tennis singles has resulted as follows:—

Byes:—S. A. Rumjahn v. B. C. Fay, P. S. Leong v. S. A. Gray, Kwok Hing Chung v. O. Rumjahn, Lam Kwan v. J. W. Leonard, H. D. Rumjahn v. Firdos Khan.

1st Round:—Marshall Ma v. E. Zulaut, H. Y. Ho v. A. R. Kitchell, Paul Kong v. Lt. J. S. Theobald, W. C. Hung v. T. C. Chan, S. A. Hussain v. Chan Kwong, Ben Louie v. O. Umetani, Tsui Yam-Pui v. T. J. Gould, J. L. C. Pearce v. Peter U., T. A. Pearce v. Wong

Hoi Nang, R. G. Blesel Jr. v. J. R. Turner, Y. C. Lau v. Wel Chung.

Byes:—M. Pagh, Tennis Kwok v. I. M. A. Razack, A. Crawford v. Ip Koon Hung, Pang Oi Lam v.

Lee Hua Kek, Leung Ping Chiu v. J. Gonzalves, I. Agafuoff v. Tsui

Wai-pui.

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP DOUBLES

Byes:—Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yan-pui v. S. A. Hussain and O.

Rumjahn, De Shing Cheong and

Ip Koon Hung v. A. R. Kitchell

and I. M. A. Razack.

1st Round:—I. and B. Agafuoff v. Wong Fook Nam and Lam

Kwan, Wong Hoi Nang and Lee

Chi Man v. T. C. Monaghan and

T. J. Gould, J. Gonzalves and A. V.

Remedios v. Ng Kam Chuen and

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COMING EVENTS

FEB.

28—Tides: High 12:48 a.m. and

12:51 p.m. Low 6:16 a.m. and 7:10

p.m. Sunrise: 6:47 a.m.; Sunset: 6:26 p.m.

Third H.K.V.D.C. Camp ends.

H.K. and Shanghai Banking Corp.

Annual Mtg. 7:30 noon.

Y.M.C.A.: Badminton (all day);

Golf, House bowls, H.E. team v.

RA. H.K.V.D.C. 3:45 p.m.

Hon. Sir St. John's Cripps, K.C.M.P.

and Mr. G. Wilson leave Govt. House.

H.K. University Tennis Championships.

University Courts 4:30 p.m.

Ladies Working Party (B.W.O.P.)

Govt. House, 9 a.m.—1 p.m.

Cathedral Women's Fellowship

Working Party, Cathedral Hall, 10

a.m.

St. Andrew's (Medical) Working

Party, 10 a.m.

Cheer Club, Dance, 8:30 p.m.

S. and S. Home, General Committee

Mtg., 5:30 p.m.

Kowloon Union Church, Women's

Guild, 10 a.m.

Claims against estate of Lee Pak-

pang due

29—Tides: High 1:50 a.m. and 1:40

p.m. Low 6:50 a.m. and 8:28 p.m.

Sunrise: 6:47 a.m.; Sunset: 6:27 p.m.

Final dividend to H.K. and

Shanghai Bank shareholders payable.

Chess Championship continued.

Leap Year Ball at Gloucester Hotel

in aid of B.W.O.P., 9:30 p.m.

H.E. and Lady Northcote present.

Central British Assn. Dance,

Theosophical Society: Lecture "Re-

incarnation," by Mr. M. R. Deb.

Urban Council Election.

Y.M.C.A.: Game Morning, 10 a.m.

A.D.C. Rehearsal, 9 p.m.

Entries close for H.K. Jockey Club's

First Extra Race Meeting at noon.

Charity Concert, Great Hall of H.K.

University, 9 p.m. H.E. and Lady

Northcote present.

Ladies Working Party (B.W.O.P.)

Govt. House, 9 a.m.—1 p.m.

Cheer Club, Contract Bridge.

MARCH

1—Tides: High 3:10 a.m. and 2:43

p.m. Low 7:25 a.m. and 10:10 p.m.

Sunrise: 6:47 a.m.; Sunset: 6:28 p.m.

First Anniversary of Election of

Pop. Plus XII.

St. David's Society, Annual Dinner

and Dance, H.K. Hotel

H.K.V.D.C. Service Mess, Annual

Ball, Peninsula Hotel.

Cheer Club, Darts, Table-Tennis,

Billiards.

Ladies Working Party (B.W.O.P.)

Govt. House, 9 a.m.—1 p.m.

Y.M.C.A.: Swimming Pool opens.

2—Tides: High 4:52 a.m. and 3:57

p.m. Low 9:03 a.m. and 11:50 p.m.

Sunrise: 6:45 a.m.; Sunset: 6:28 p.m.

R.E.O.C.A. Supper Dance, Peninsu-

la Hotel, 9 p.m.

H.E. the Governor open's extension of

Taipo Rural Home and Orphanage.

week-end.

H.E. the Governor and Lady Northcote

proceed to Pauling Lodge for the

Cottage Club, Paper Hunt, 3 p.m.

3—Tides: High 6:45 a.m. and 5:15

p.m. Low 9:16 a.m.

Sunrise: 6:44 a.m.; Sunset: 6:29 p.m.

Press Preview of Art Exhibition at

St. John's Hall, 5:30 p.m.

4—Tides: High 8 a.m. and 6:25 p.m.

Low 12:50 a.m. and 11:15 p.m.

Sunrise: 6:44 a.m.; Sunset: 6:28 p.m.

Colony Lawn Tennis Championships

start at K.C.C.

Evening Institution re-opens.

Exhibition of Western and Chinese

Paintings at St. John's Cathedral

Hall.

5—Tides: High 8:35 a.m. and 7:21

p.m. Low 1:38 a.m. and 12:29 p.m.

Sunrise: 6:43 a.m.; Sunset: 6:29 p.m.

Black-Out Exercises.

Kowloon Residents' Assn., Annual

Gen. Meeting.

H.K. Horticultural Society—Annual

Show.

Referees' Assn., Monthly Mtg., Hotel

Cecil, 8 p.m.

Exhibition of Western and Chinese

Paintings at St. John's Cathedral

Hall.

6—Fourth H.K.V.D.C. Camp starts.

H.K. Horticultural Society, Annual

Show.

7—Chess Championship Continued.

8—St. Andrew's Club, Whist Drive,

8 p.m.

C.E.A. Dance.

Cheer Club, Jumble Sale, 2:30 p.m.

Referees' Assn., Whist Drive, Hotel

Cecil.

H.K. Yorkshiremen's Society, An-

nual Dinner Dance, Gloucester Hotel.

9—Shield Soccer Semi-final.

H.K. University Union, Annual

Athletic Meeting, 1:30 p.m.

K.C.C. Presentation of Prizes, 9:15

p.m.

Bank of Canton, Annual Mtg., 3

p.m.

10—Dog and Cat Show at St. John's

Palace.

Second round of H.K.G.C. Mixed

Poussoures due to be completed.

Shield Soccer, Semi-final.

11—Seven-a-Side Rugby Tournament at

Happy Valley, 4:30 p.m.

12—H.K. Land Investment and

Agency Co. Ltd., Annual Mtg., noon.

13—Fourth H.K.V.D.C. Camp ends.

Soccer: Chinese Federation v.

United Services, 4:30 p.m.

14—Army Inter-Unit Cross-Country

Race from P.W.D. ground.

Chess Championship Continued.

15—St. Patrick's Society, Dinner

Dance, Peninsula Hotel, 8:30 p.m.

Claims against estate of Sylly Ruby

Challenger due.

Licensing Board: Election, Urban

Council Chamber, 4 p.m.

Raub Australian Gold Mining Co.

Ltd., Fourth Interim Dividend

payable.

16—Seven-a-Side Rugby Tournament

(Finals), 4:30 p.m.

17—Panling Hunt and Race Club,

St. Patrick's Day Meet at Kwantu,

2:45 p.m.

18—Cheer Club, Ladies' Advisory

Committee, Bridge and Mahjongg

Drive, 3 p.m.

Claims against estate of Alfred Ed-

mund Hatch due.

20—H.K. Rope Manufacturing Co.

Ltd., Annual Mtg., 10 Des Vouex Rd.

C, 11:30 a.m.

B.W.O.F. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT FOR JANUARY

Statement of receipts and payments of the British War Organisation Fund, Hongkong Branch, for the month of January, 1940, shows that donations and subscriptions during the month amounted to \$54,534.83.

ECKFORD APPEAL DISMISSED

SHANGHAI, Feb. 27 (Reuters)—The appeal brought by Private Eckford, of the Seaforth Highlanders, against death sentence, was dismissed by the Full Court today comprising Sir Allan Moslop, Judge of H.M. Supreme Court for China, Assistant Judge P. Grant Jones and Sir Atholl MacGregor, Chief Justice of Hongkong.

Eckford was sentenced to death on Jan. 11 when he was found guilty by the jury on a charge of the murder of Sergt. Davis, of the same Regiment, on Nov. 4, 1939.

The appeal, which was made by the defence counsel, Mr. K. E. Newman, was based on a point of law—that the Trial Judge had misdirected the jury by not reading to them full passages from the famous case of Woolmington v. The Public Prosecutor in Britain.

After listening to the Presiding Judge's interpretation of the Woolmington case, Mr. Newman admitted he had taken the wrong view in a somewhat complicated case.

THE ISSUE

In presenting his arguments Mr. Newman stated that the issue was a question of either murder or manslaughter as the accused had admitted the shooting.

In trials for murder the Crown must prove that death was by an act of malice of the prisoner. If the jury entertained reasonable doubt as to whether the act was intentional or not the prisoner was entitled to the benefit of the doubt even if his explanation was not accepted. Mr. Newman went on to say that Eckford was an uneducated man who found himself in the position of "having shot a man although it was unintentional. Eckford decided that he had got to give an explanation and in order to bolster up his case, told how he had put the cartridge in the rifle when going down the ladder in full view of the deceased.

Mr. Newman added: "This is obviously a lie. The jury might have rejected Eckford's story and yet found him not guilty of intentional shooting."

Mr. Newman argued that the jury should have been informed of this.

H.K. & SHANGHAI BANK MEETING AT NOON TODAY

Shareholders of the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation are reminded that the annual meeting will be held at noon today at the Head Office of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

YENCHING PRESIDENT IN COLONY

Dr. John Leighton Stuart, president of Yenching University at Peiping, arrived in Hongkong yesterday from Shanghai together with Dr. M. C. Balfour, China representative of the Rockefeller Foundation, and Dr. H. S. Holton, representative of the Peiping Union Medical College.

The visitors are leaving by air for Harbin tomorrow en route to Changchun to attend the Rockefeller Foundation meeting, to discuss future plans of its rural reconstruction programme in China, which is scheduled to open in the Chinese wartime capital on March 3.

Dr. Stuart intends to visit a number of places in Free China and will attend a meeting of Christian College presidents in Chengtu. He will return to Hongkong to attend the China Foundation annual meeting which will open on April 15 in the Colony. A number of Chinese educators are expected to come to Hongkong for the conference.

Mr. B. M. Bateman, of Jardine, Matheson and Company, was fined \$10 by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, at the Central Court yesterday, for parking his car over the time limit in Pedder Street on Jan. 25.

On the payments side, the cost of a Demand Draft to the British Red Cross Society and Order of St. John War Organisation, for £10,000 absorbed \$161,376.93.

OTHER EXPENSES

Purchases amounted to \$4,107.10, Packing, etc., \$236.41, and office expenses \$465.24, making the total expenditure for the month \$166,185.68.

Balance in hand on Jan. 31, 1940, was \$40,399.72.

The following is the detailed statement of account:

RECEIPTS

To balance, brought forward at January 1, 1940, \$152,050.57 and to donations and subscriptions, Jan. \$54,534.83—Total: \$206,585.40.

PAYMENTS

By remittance to London—Cost of Demand Draft to British Red Cross Society and Order of St. John War Organisation: £10,000 at exch. 1/2-7/8 plus stamp \$161,376.93.

By purchases, less Refunds:—Knitting Wool, Calico, Gauze Dressings, etc. \$4,107.10.

By packing, transport and insurance \$236.41.

By office furniture \$9.

By office expenses:—Salaries and Wages \$330, Stationery and Printing \$19.40, Stamps and Postages \$8.05, Posters \$43, Telephone \$44.25, Coolie Hire \$1.30, Travelling \$9.95, Petties 29 cts. Total: \$456.24. Expenditure for Jan. 1940 \$166,185.68.

By balance—money in hand on Jan. 31, 1940:—Current account Hongkong & Shanghai Bank \$40,220.63, Petty cash \$179.09. Total: \$40,399.72.

Grand Total: \$206,585.40.

B.W.O.F. NOTICE TO KNITTERS

Knitters for the British War Organisation Fund are earnestly requested to be kind enough to note the following:

All articles in pairs should be securely sewn together at the ribbing end. It is particularly requested that scarves should not be fringed.

ACCUSED OFFERS TO TURN KING'S EVIDENCE

Theft Of Letters At Sessions

The sudden offer of a prisoner in the dock to turn King's Evidence and give evidence against another man not charged was made before Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell at the Criminal Sessions yesterday when Ho Ming, the accused man, said "I was arrested with another man named Mok. But he has not been charged. I am prepared to give evidence against him."

Ho Ming stood charged with larceny of letters; receiving stolen letters; uttering a forged document; and demanding money on a forged document.

His offer to give evidence against Mok occurred when Sergeant C381, Lal Chow-sing, had given evidence of arrest, and the accused was asked whether he had any questions to ask.

Ho Ming said that he had already told the police that Mok had planned the whole thing and wanted to know why Mok had not been charged.

The Sergeant said that the other man was not charged on the instructions of his superior officer and added that accused had, at no time during his examination at the police station, denounced Mok as the guilty one.

Mr. J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor, prosecuted, assisted by Detective Sergeant D. G. MacPherson, and the jury comprised Messrs. F. A. Lowe (Foreman), E. Allaye, Lee Chan-kee, George Hong Wu, K. H. Schrank, Mark Kai-chin and Wong Long-ying.

Mr. Murphy said that the allegations against the accused were that he stole the letters between Dec. 30, 1939, and Jan. 9, 1940, and uttered them and demanded money on Jan. 11.

Evidence was then given that certain letters which arrived in Hongkong were delivered by the post but not received by the addressee. Three of the letters referred to in the case were found in the accused's cubicle. The prosecution produced a forged



H.K. Imports And Exports In January, 1940

According to an official report released for publication by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, the combined values of imports and exports of merchandise as declared during the month of January, 1940, totalled \$131.6 millions (£8.1 millions) as compared with \$80.8 millions (£5.0 millions) in January, 1939.

In terms of local currency the total visible trade of the Colony increased by 62.9 per cent. in Jan., 1940, as compared with Jan., 1939; and by 62.0 per cent. in terms of sterling.

INCREASES

Imports of merchandise in Jan., 1940 totalled \$69.7 millions (£4.3 millions) as compared with \$40.7 millions (£2.5 millions) in Jan., 1939, and exports \$61.9 millions (£3.8 millions) as compared with \$40.2 millions (£2.5 millions).

Imports of merchandise in Jan., 1940, increased by 71.3 per cent. in terms of local currency, and by 72.0 per cent. in terms of sterling. Exports of merchandise in Jan., 1940 increased by 54.0 per cent. in terms of local currency, and by 52.0 per cent. in terms of sterling.

FLUCTUATIONS

Since Jan., 1939 monthly values of imports of merchandise into Hongkong fluctuated from a low Hongkong dollar value (£36.8 millions) in Feb., 1939, to a high of \$9.7 millions in Jan., 1940; whilst exports values fluctuated from a low of \$36.5 millions in Feb., 1939 to a high of \$61.9 millions in Jan., 1940.

KOWLOON GODOWN TO PAY \$7 DIVIDEND

The Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co. Ltd. report that, subject to audit, the amount at credit of Profit and Loss Account for the year ended December 31 is: \$1,203,785.73.

The amount brought forward from the year 1938 being \$362,077.12.

Total now available for distribution is: \$1,465,862.85.

At the forthcoming annual meeting of shareholders, the directors will recommend an appropriation as follows:

To pay a dividend of 7¢ per share \$130,000; to transfer to general reserve a/c \$400,000; to transfer to repairs and renewals a/c \$11,674.29; to carry forward \$424,188.56. Total: \$1,465,862.85.

SLAUGHTER HOUSE TRAGEDY

CENTRAL COURT INQUEST

A verdict of accidental death with no blame attached to anyone, was recorded at an inquest held at the Central Court yesterday into the death of a man, named Ling Nam, aged 35.

Mr. T. J. Houston sat as Coroner, assisted by a jury comprising Messrs. H. Dreyer (foreman), P. Lam and W. T. Knox.

The deceased, who was the blood contractor's assistant, died as a result of gun-shot wound on Jan. 20 when he met with an accident during the slaughtering of buffaloes in the Kennedy Town Slaughter House.

Inspector L. W. E. Macey, attached to the Kennedy Town Slaughter House, said that he and his assistant, Inspector Watson, were engaged in the laughter of animals on the morning of Jan. 20.

BUFFALO SHOT

Inspector Watson shot a buffalo, but did not kill it. The animal started running and he stepped back and fire a shot at the buffalo which staggered but did not drop. He went behind it and fired another shot at the back of its head, and this time the animal collapsed.

Soon after the shooting he was informed that a man, who was employed by the contractor to collect blood, was injured and was lying in the passage leading to the Slaughter House.

In answer to Mr. Houston, Inspector Macey said that there was a notice posted in the passage warning the blood collector of the danger of entering the house while slaughter was in progress. The coolies, however, took little notice of the warning.

BRIBERY CHARGE

Indian Constable B659, Mohamed Alab, aged 25 appeared before Mr. T. J. Houston, at the Central Court yesterday, charged with having caused one Li Chung to obtain a bribe of two cents from Wong Cheong, at Water Street, on Feb. 25.

Alab was jointly charged with Li Chung with conspiracy to obtain money from Wong.

The case was adjourned for March 14 at 2.30 p.m.

Mr. M. A. da Silva appeared for defence.

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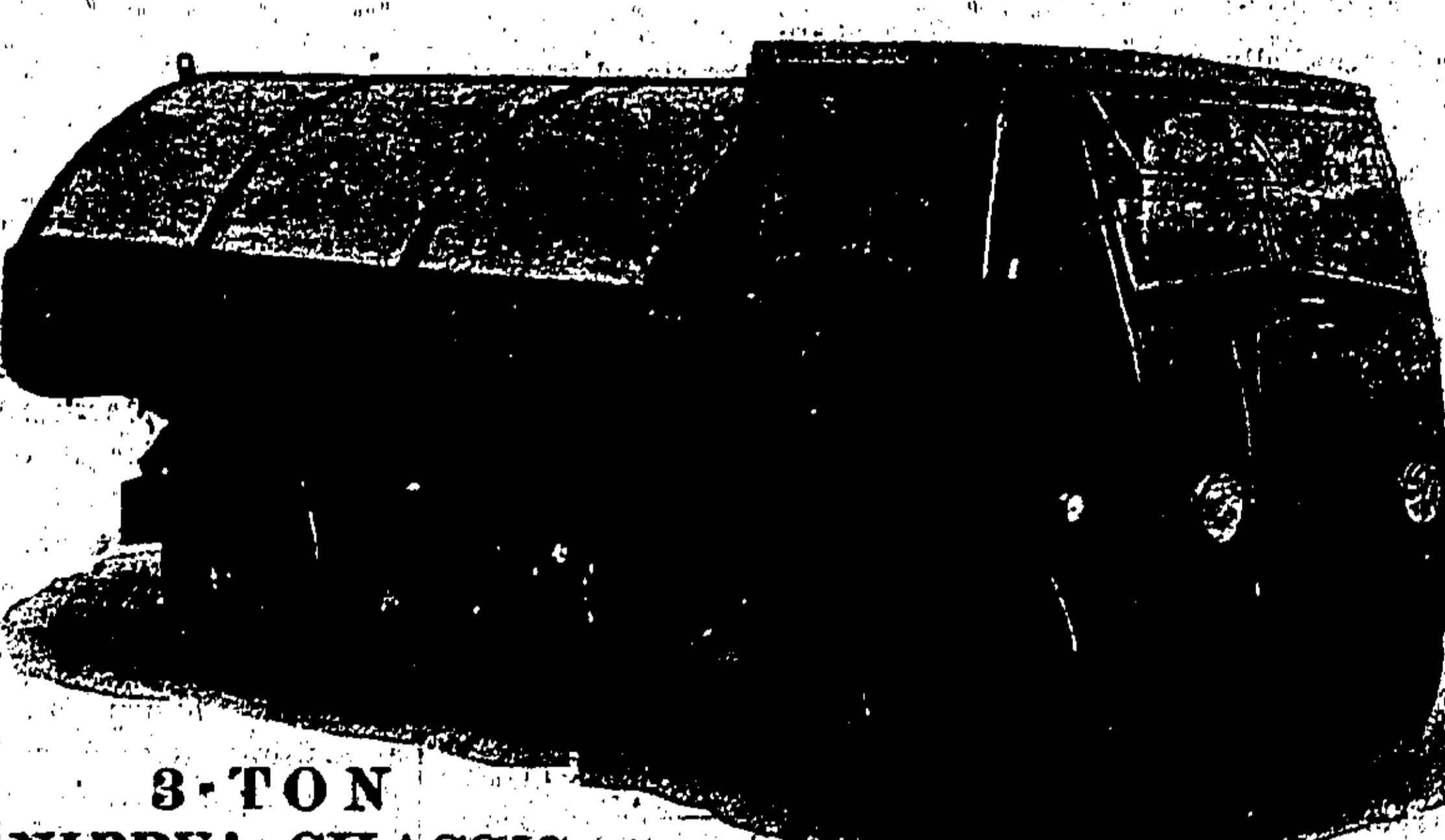
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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG.

ORIGINAL JURISDICTION
MISC. PROC. NO. 6 OF 1940.

IN THE MATTER of Carlowitz & Co. (In liquidation)

and

IN THE MATTER of the Alien Enemies (Winding Up) Ordinance No. 28 of 1914 Section 13 Subsection 1.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court by Order dated the Third day of February 1940 DIRECTED that all claims to the goods particulars whereof are as follows:

40 drums Lubricating Oil.	1 case Boring Machine.
38 "	1 case Diesel Motor.
1 case Acid Pierci Crystal for analysis.	2 cases Rego Pocket Watches.
3 cases Fairbank Scales.	9 cases Wood Screws.
25 "	1 case Optical Instruments.
5 " Machines.	1 case Rubber Belting.
6 "	1 case Medicine.
1 case Machines.	16 bags Rubber Belting and Rubber Tubings.
1 case Steel Welding Rods.	7 cases Nugget Boot Polish.
1 case Drilling Machine.	5 drums Gold Powder.
4 cases Machines (Lathe).	6 cases Steel Plates.
1 case Machinery.	4 bundles Steel Bars.
1 case Universal Pantographic Machine with accessories.	3 packets Typewriter Ribbons.
1 case Machine Parts.	
9 cases Generator & Switch Boards.	

being goods taken possession of by Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming as Liquidators of the Alien Enemy firm of Carlowitz & Co. in Hong Kong shall be made in writing to the said Liquidators at their office No. 6, Des Voeux Road Central, Fifth Floor, within one month after the 28th day of February, 1940, AND THAT after the expiration of one month from the said 28th day of February, 1940, all claims in respect of the said goods shall be barred.

Claimants are hereby requested to send in their claims in respect of the said goods together with all documents in support thereof to the Liquidators at their office aforesaid, forthwith.

PERCY SMITH, SETH & FLEMING,
Liquidators, Carlowitz & Co.

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NOTICE

THE TAPIO RURAL HOME & ORPHANAGE
134 Milestone, Taipo

The Orphanage will be formally opened on Saturday, 2nd March, 1940.

His Excellency The Governor will perform the Opening Ceremony at 3.30 p.m.

All are cordially welcome.

Buses will leave the Peninsula Hotel for Taipo at 2.00 and 2.15 p.m. and will return at 4.30 and 4.45 p.m.

Reservations must be booked beforehand at the Hong Kong or Peninsula Hotel where tickets are obtainable at \$1 per Return Trip.

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THE RAUB AUSTRALIAN GOLD MINING CO., LTD.
(Incorporated in Queensland).

Notice of Declaration of Fourth Interim Dividend.

NOTICE is hereby given that a Fourth Interim Dividend of six pence per share for the financial year ending 31st March, 1940, has been declared by the Directors of the Company in Brisbane, payable on 15th March, 1940, to Shareholders on the Registers at Brisbane and Singapore on 14th March, 1940.

NOTICE is also hereby given that the Singapore Transfer Registers will be closed from Friday, 8th March, to Thursday, 14th March, 1940, both days inclusive, for the preparation of Dividend Warrants.

By Order of the Board,
DERRICK, & CO.,Chartered Accountants,
Local Secretaries.Hong Kong Bank Chambers,
SINGAPORE, 17th Feb. 1940.

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NOTICE

As from today beer bottles bearing the Trademarks of the undersigned, will be redeemed at:

Quarts — 4 cents each
Pints — 3 cents each.

EWO: — Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.,

Managers:

Ewo Brewery Co., Shanghai.

U.B.: — W. R. Loxley & Co., (China) Ltd.,

Sole Agents:

Union Brewery Ltd., Shanghai.

Hong Kong, 28th Feb. 1940.

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G. R.

PUBLIC AUCTION

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF THE SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, THE 4TH DAY OF MARCH 1940, AT 3 P.M., AT THE OFFICES OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, BY ORDER OF HIS EXCELLENCE THE GOVERNOR OF ONE LOT OF CROWN LAND AT LA SALLE ROAD, KOWLOON TAI, IN THE COLONY OF HONG KONG FOR A TERM OF 75 YEARS, COMMENCING FROM 1ST JULY, 1898, WITH THE OPTION OF RENEWAL AT A CROWN RENT TO BE FIXED BY THE SURVEYOR OF HIS MAJESTY THE KING, FOR ONE FURTHER TERM OF 24 YEARS LESS THE LAST THREE DAYS THEREOF.

INTENDING BIDDERS ARE ADVISED THAT IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE DISPOSAL OF THE LOT THE PURCHASER (IF NOT THE APPLICANT) WILL BE REQUIRED TO DEPOSIT WITH AN AUTHORISED OFFICER WHO WILL BE PRESENT AT THE SALE, THE SUM OF TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS, (\$200) IN CASH. THIS SUM WILL BE REFUNDED ON PAYMENT OF THE PURCHASE PRICE.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price.
1	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 297.	La Salle Road, Kowloon, Island, adjoining New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2970.	As per sale plan	About 8,600	92	4,000

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price.
2	Island Lot No. 5746.	King's Road, S. E. West of Island Road.	As per sale plan	About 8,600	64	5,920

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NOTICE

OWING TO THE DRAMATIC INCREASE IN THE COST OF RAW MATERIALS AND FREIGHT, THE UNDERSIGNED ARE RELUCTANTLY COMPELLED TO INCREASE THE PRICE OF BEER BY \$2.50 PER CASE OF 48 QUARTS OR 72 PINTS, EFFECTIVE 28TH FEBRUARY, 1940.

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price.
3	Rural Building Lot No. 134.	Tytan Bay, Island Road.	As per sale plan	About 16,500	180	1,125

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price.
4	Rural Building Lot No. 435.	Adjoining Building, Island Road.	As per sale plan	About 16,500	180	1,300

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ADVERTISEMENTS

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FIFTY-FIRST ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE COMPANY'S REGISTERED OFFICE, 4TH FLOOR, P. & O. BUILDING ON THURSDAY, 21ST MARCH, 1940, AT 11 A.M. FOR THE PURPOSE OF PRESENTING THE REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS TOGETHER WITH A STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS TO 31ST DECEMBER, 1939, ELECTING DIRECTORS AND AUDITORS AND FIXING THEIR FEES.

THE REGISTER OF MEMBERS OF THE COMPANY WILL BE CLOSED FROM 9TH MARCH, TO 21ST MARCH, 1940, BOTH DAYS INCLUSIVE, DURING WHICH PERIOD NO TRANSFER OF SHARES CAN BE REGISTERED.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
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NEAR EAST FOREBODINGS

THE CONTINUAL STRESSING

INING IN RECENT WEEKS, PARTICULARLY BY THE ITALIAN AND JAPANESE PROPAGANDA MACHINES, OF THE LIKELIHOOD OF AN EARLY OUTBREAK OF WAR IN THE NEAR EAST, CALLS FOR AN ENUMERATION OF THE FACTORS THAT MAKE THIS PART OF THE WORLD A POWDER-KEG WHICH ANY SPARK MAY SET OFF.

THE MOST STRIKING

FEATURE OF THE SITUATION IN NORTH AFRICA AND LESSER ASIA IS THE LARGE NUMBER OF TROOPS OF THE ALLIES HAVE DEEMED IT NECESSARY TO CONCENTRATE IN THESE REGIONS. IN EGYPT, PALESTINE AND IRAK TODAY, BRITAIN MAINTAINS A STRENGTH OF WELL OVER 100,000 MEN. FRANCE HAS PERHAPS 150,000 IN SYRIA AND THE LEBANON ALONE. THE TURKISH ARMY IS ALSO ON A WAR FOOTING AND RUMANIA AND IRAN, BOTH OF WHICH WILL BE INVOLVED IF ANYTHING DEVELOPS, ARE PARTLY MOBILISED. IN ADDITION TO THIS FORMIDABLE AGGREGATION OF MAN-POWER, BRITAIN HAS AIR BASES IN EGYPT, AT HAIFA AND AQABA, BAGDAD, BASRA AND MOSUL, AND FRANCE HAS AIR BASES IN TURKEY, SMYRNA, ANKARA AND SIRAS, IRANIAN AT TEHERAN AND TABRIZ. (SEE MAP ON PAGE 7).

THE OBJECTS OF ALLIED STRATEGY ARE, PRESUMABLY, TO COMPLETE THE CIRCLE OF THE BLOCKADE AND TO BE IN A POSITION TO STRIKE AT THE SOVIET UNION IN THE REGION OF THE BLACK SEA, THE CAUCASUS, AND THE CASPIAN. SHOULD FIGHTING BEGIN, THEY WOULD SEEK TO BRING A FLEET INTO THE BLACK SEA (WHERE IT WOULD BE BASED ON ISTANBUL AND CONSTANZA, IN RUMANIA) AND ATTACK SEBASTOPOL, ODESSA, THE BAKU OILFIELDS, AND THE TERMINUS OF THE GROZNY PIPELINE AT TUAPSE. SUCH ACTION WOULD FOLLOW THE PLAN OF THE INTERVENTION AT THE END OF THE LAST WAR, WHEN TROOPS OF BRITAIN, FRANCE, ITALY, RUMANIA AND GREECE WERE LANDED AT THE MAJORITY OF THESE POINTS.

I AM FURTHER DIRECTED TO ADD THAT IN THE OPINION OF YOUR COMMITTEE DR. RODRIGUES WILL PROVE HIMSELF EQUAL AS CAPABLE AS DR. BASTO IN THE DISCHARGE OF HIS DUTIES AS A MEMBER OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, IF ELECTED.

THANK YOU IN ANTICIPATION.

YOURS FAITHFULLY,

EDUARDO L. R. LEITAO,

President.

GERMAN EFFORTS TO BRING FINNISH & FAR EASTERN CONFLICTS TO END TO SECURE SOVIET AND JAPANESE SUPPORT FOR NAZI WAR PURPOSES

PARIS, Feb. 27 (Havas) — Germany is exerting every effort to bring about the end of the Finnish and Far Eastern conflicts, in order to relieve the Russian and Japanese Military Forces of their present tasks and to put them in a position to grant, eventually, active support to Germany, is the opinion expressed by political circles here.

TRIUMPH FOR MR. GASTON D'AQUINO

VERY SUCCESSFUL ORATORIO

Distinct success attended the performance of Lorenzo Perosi's oratorio, "The Resurrection of Christ," at St. Teresa's Church yesterday evening. Although the event was announced with the barest publicity, the Church was filled to overflowing with a vast and raptly appreciative audience which had the pleasure of listening to some of the best music that has ever been presented in Hongkong.

The oratorio, which is in two parts, depicting the death of Christ on the Cross and his resurrection, is both unusual and interesting. The music, full of solemnity and grandeur, is throughout brimful of warmth and melody. The entire composition well illustrates the unfolding of events and the various emotions which these events engender.

The Choral Group, which was not up to full strength, ably sustained work that cannot be easy to sing, judging by the character of the composition. The performance was in many ways an improvement on the previous, first effort, and no doubt the excellent acoustics of the Church heightened the effect.

ABLE MASTERY

In the tenor part of the Narrator, Mr. Gaston D'Aquino carried the greater burden of the singing, and proved himself in every way equal to the difficult role. Mr. D'Aquino was never in such fine voice as he was yesterday. His able mastery of the part was indeed a triumph.

Mr. Alec Greaves, who sang the baritone part of Christ, also did well despite faulty breathing in certain passages that told unfavourably on his tone in the higher notes.

Mrs. Sylvia Choy, whose excellent coloratura soprano voice should be heard more often in public, sang the part of Mary Magdalene with great skill and feeling.

GREAT CREDIT

Great credit is reflected on the work of Professor E. Gualdi, the conductor, on whose shoulders rested the very difficult task of preparing the recital. Not only did he succeed in getting the best from the singers, both soloists and others, but with Prof. E. Pellegratti, who was master of the orchestra, drew a really fine performance from more than thirty musicians.

The recital was in aid of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.—S. W.

The first attempt to put an end to the "China Incident" was made in December, but did not succeed, and these efforts are being renewed now by the new Nazi Naval Attaché in Tokyo, Rear-Admiral Wennecker, and Dr. Emil Helferich.

Simultaneously, the Germans are trying to bring about Moscow-Tokyo rapprochement.

The Tokyo conversations have been surrounded with the greatest secrecy.

MISSION IN FINLAND

As regards the Finnish conflict, Germany is constantly circulating rumours that Russia may accept German mediation, although she refused President Roosevelt's mediation on Nov. 29, 1939.

The wish expressed by the Copenhagen Conference for a prompt peace in Finland has revived Berlin hopes that a settlement is possible and that Russia will soon be freed from the necessity of conducting this war and will then be ready to support Germany elsewhere.

Authorized neutral observers, however, declare that Berlin is nevertheless fully aware that Russia realizes the situation and will attempt to capitalize on the German desire to bring about Finno-Russian peace. The Kremlin will accept German mediation only for substantial compensation from Germany elsewhere, they declare.

FINNS RETREAT BEFORE ADVANCE OF RUSSIANS: VIBORG NOW DESTROYED

HELSINGFORS, Feb. 27 (Reuter) — Following their abandonment of the Kotivisto Island Fortress, it is reported that the Finns are preparing to evacuate the town of Sakkijärvi, five miles inland, opposite Viborg and across Viborg Bay.

This probably means only the evacuation of civilians. The town is exposed to direct bombardment, now that Kotivisto is in Soviet hands.

The Russians are still pressing their attacks on the western part of the Mannerheim Line and a Finnish communiqué announced yesterday that the Finns had abandoned the forts on Kotivisto Islands to the advancing Russians.

VIBORG DESTROYED Practically the whole of Viborg has now been destroyed and all but a few army units have left the town. More defence lines are being thrown up.

A correspondent, who has just left the town, reports that it cannot be taken by the Russians without doing much damage.

Welles' Stay In Italy Worrying The Reich

Special to H.K. Daily Press

PARIS, Feb. 27 (Havas) — "Mr. Sumner Welles' stay in Italy is causing much worry in Berlin," writes Madame Tabouis in L'Œuvre, while the rest of the French press devotes much comment on Mr. Welles' visit to the main capitals of Europe.

Madame Tabouis goes on to say: "President Roosevelt's initiative is considered in Berlin as an attempt to bring pressure to bear upon Rome."

"Mr. Welles' trip is being interpreted as American approval of the Vatican's and the Quirinal's policies as opposed to the German plan for the creation of an alliance between Italy, the Reich and Russia."

"According to information allegedly received at the Wilhelmstrasse, Mr. Welles has been authorised to enter into extensive negotiations for granting American credits to Italy."

"Such credits would place Italy in position for ensuring the independence of her economy and thus prevent closer co-operation between her and the Reich."

MR. WELLES SEES BRITISH ENVOY

ROME, Feb. 27 (Reuter) — Mr. Sumner Welles had half-an-hour's talk with the British Ambassador to Italy, Sir Percy Loraine, who afterwards, with the French Envoy, was the guest of Mr. Welles at luncheon at the United States Embassy.

Mr. Welles is leaving tonight and is due in Berlin on Friday. He is expected to spend a day or two in Switzerland en route.

CABLES

NAVAL ENGAGEMENT OFF PETSAMO?

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter) — REUTER UNDERSTANDS THAT THE CIRCULATION OF REPORTS OF A NAVAL ENGAGEMENT OFF PETSAMO represent a definite attempt on the part of Germany to obtain information as to whether or not British naval units are at present there.

IT IS NOT THE INTENTION OF THE BRITISH ADMIRALTY TO SATISFY THIS CURIOSITY.

Respecting the reports that

British warships are on watch in the Arctic waters to prevent German ships from reaching Germany through neutral waters, neutral correspondents asked a British spokesman today what the Royal Navy would do if German ships stayed strictly within Norwegian waters all the way down the coast.

No direct reply was given, but Reuter understands that there

exist at least two points along the Norwegian coast at which vessels

of any size are obliged to go outside the three-mile limit in order to avoid shallow water.

UNCONFIRMED REPORTS

NEW YORK, Feb. 27 (Reuter) — Unconfirmed reports received by the New York Times from Bergen refer to naval engagements which French and British vessels are said to have made with two German ships off Petsamo.

The reports add that according to the newspaper Bergen Aftenblad two German freighters have been sunk by Allied patrol cruisers outside Norwegian territorial waters, off Vardoe.

NAVAL HEROES DECORATED

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuter) — The King and Queen stood on the quayside at an east coast port yesterday and talked to five men who were rescued from the Altmark and who were looking little the worse for their experiences and laughed and joked about their imprisonment.

NAVAL HEROES The King also visited an East Scotland dockyard and decorated eight more Naval heroes, including Commander L. A. K. Boswell, who received the D. S. O. and Lieutenant D. L. Sammartz who was given the Distinguished Service Cross.

Allies' Huge Purchases Of U.S. Planes

\$1,000 MILLION IN 18 MONTHS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (Reuter) — Mr. Henry Morgenthau, U.S. Secretary to the Treasury, said he was convinced that the British and French Governments had

\$1,000,000,000 (£250,000,000) in air activity. Finnish planes have carried out reconnaissance bombing flights over the Soviet rear-lines and have taken part in a number of air battles.

REASONABLE PRICE They brought down five planes for certain. There may be two others.

The Soviets, for their part, dropped some bombs on Hangoe, but without doing much damage.

He added that he thought the prices being paid for military planes by foreign governments was reasonable, when compared with domestic prices.

SHANGHAI Feb. 27 (Reuter) — Preparations are being made by the Chinese forces along all fronts with a view to the launching of a general counter-offensive during the coming Spring, says the Sun Wan Pao.

Troops are being detailed to various strategic points to hold themselves in readiness for the general offensive, the reports say.

SHANGHAI Feb. 27 (Reuter) — Some consternation was caused in local British business circles today when it was learned that a recent letter which was mailed from Shanghai by the British firm of Millington Limited to their London Office arrived there bearing a stamp that it had been opened by German Censors.

LUXEMBOURG Feb. 27 (Reuter) — Great German activity on the right bank of the Moselle is reported by the correspondent of the Obermosel Zeitung, from Remich.

ROME Feb. 27 (Reuter) — Mr. Sumner Welles' talk with Signor Mussolini lasted about an hour. Immediately afterwards Mr. Welles returned to his hotel, but declined to make a statement.

PANAMA Feb. 27 (Reuter) — President Roosevelt is returning to Balboa on Tuesday morning when two destroyers will escort the Tuscaloosa.

COMMITTED TO SESSIONS Appearing before Mr. H. G. Sheldon at the Central Court yesterday, Lee Tung, unemployed, charged with the unlawful possession and uttering of a forged \$5 banknote, was committed to the Criminal Sessions.

Tang Ping-nam, master of the Yuet Shing crockery shop, No. 41, Wan-chai Road, said that the defendant came to purchase an article and tendered a \$5 note for change. The accountant examined it and found it was a forgery.

THE ARRIVAL OF THE HONOURABLE SIR STAFFORD CRIPPS, K.T., K.C., J.P., M.P., AND MR. G. WILSON has been delayed until early in March.

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BEVERAGE TUMBLERS, JUGS

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7-Pc. Beverage Sets \$6.50 Set

Tumblers \$0.35 each

There are eight bright designs to choose from. Illustrated above is a 7-pc. crystal set with coco-nut tree decoration in green colour. It consists of one 80 oz. ice-lipped jug and six 10 oz. tumblers.

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British Troops Involved In Incident With Japanese Gendarmerie & Puppets

SHANGHAI, Feb. 27 (Reuter) — An incident involving British troops in Shanghai with Japanese gendarmerie and armed followers of Wang Ching-wei occurred in the British defence sector on the extra-settlement roads this morning, with the British troops politely but firmly, refusing to yield to attempts by the Japanese to interfere with the British activities.

The following communiqué was issued by the British authorities at noon today in explanation of the whole incident:

"At about 9.20 a.m. today, a British military patrol surprised three Chinese loafers dressed in blue gowns and armed with Mauser pistols in an alleyway off Yu Yuen Road.

"The three Chinese were immediately disarmed and arrested. With the object of carrying out further investigations, the British patrol made their prisoners lead them to their house.

"This house, which was protected by a breast-work was found to be a lair of armed Chinese dressed in plain clothes. Twelve men found in the premises were arrested and the arms and ammunition confiscated.

"Members of the Japanese gendarmerie then appeared on the scene, and demanded that the arms and ammunition be handed over to them on the ground that the men were supporters of Wang Ching-wei. They made no objection, however, to the arrests of the men or their removal by the British authorities.

"After some discussion, the gendarmerie agreed to the arms and ammunition being removed by the British patrol. At about 11.30 a.m. the arms, ammunition and men were removed into British custody.

British Gift To The Dalai Lama

SILK SCARF, GOLD AND SILVER

LHASA, Feb. 27 (Reuter) — Gifts, including a silk scarf, a bar of gold and bars of silver, were presented to the Dalai Lama on behalf of the British Government here yesterday by Mr. Gould.

THE PRESENTATION

The Dalai Lama received the mission seated on his Throne at Potala Palace, with the Regent and other notables attending.

The Missioners ascended the steps of the Throne in single file and saluted.

After presentation of gifts with the British Government's formal felicitations, the Dalai Lama blessed the mission, the members of which later toured the city, the streets of which were lighted with blazing faggots and crowded with merrymakers.

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THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by

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Thursday, the 25th February, 1940
commencing at 11.00 a.m.

at their Sales Room, No. 2 Connaught Road, Central. (Room No. 105, 2nd Floor).

26 Electric Lights complete with
Fittings
30 "Demon" Stoves
6 Reels Garden Hose
15 Empty Beer Drums and Barrels
6 Teakwood Bookcases & Cabinets
with Glass Front Doors

also

A QUANTITY OF FURNITURE AND
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Terms: Cash on Delivery.

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HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE

Comprising:-

Hatstands, Chesterfield Couches
and Armchairs, Tables, Bookcases,
Card Tables, Cabinets, Oil Paintings,
Pictures, Brass and Bronze
Ornaments, Curios, Silk and Heavy
Curtains, Carpets, Rugs, Cushions,
etc., etc.

Teak Extension Dining Tables,
Dining Chairs, Sideboards, Teapots,
Silver and E. P. Ware, Cutlery,
Table Glasses, Gramophones and
Records, Electric Chandlers, Heaters
and Cookers, etc., etc.

Iron and Teakwood Bedsteads,
Wardrobes, Dressing Tables, Chests
of Drawers, Spring Mattresses, etc.,
etc.

also

A FEW PIECES OF BLACKWOOD
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1 New Upright Piano by "Mouzine"
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1 Sewing Machine "Singer"
1 Spanish Guitar in Case
1 1935 "Ford" V8 Tourer

On View from Thursday, the 28th
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Wednesday, the 6th March, 1940
commencing at 9.30 a.m.

at Kowloon Naval Depot

OLD AND SURPLUS VICTUAL-
LING STORES

Comprising:-

Clothing, including Blankets and
Sarge and Duck, etc., Remnants,
Electro Plate, Cutlery, and Table
Linens, etc., etc.

On view from Tuesday, the 5th
March, 1940.

Terms of Sale: As detailed in
Catalogue.

LAMMERT BROS.,
By Appointment, Auctioneers
to the Admiralty.

SOCCER NOTES

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Lee Kwock-wai was seen in the
new role of pivot and, as usual,
was the best man in the Kwock
Wai's defence.

EASTER'S EASY WIN

The Senior Shield match be-
tween Eastern and Royal Scots
did not produce the good football
that was expected, Eastern easily
winning by three clear goals.

The Scots were badly-classed,
their opponents being too fast for
them. Naymuth and Fraser found
the quick pace disconcerting to
their game but, nevertheless, de-
fended stoutly.

The only other Scots' player
who can be said to be of a class
with the Chinese was Hossack,
however, lacked support and in
his individualistic efforts could
make no headway against Eastern's
defence.

Hau Chink-to and Chunk Yung-
sum were so fast on the wings
that they generally showed a
clean pair of heels to the Scots'
halves and were the media for the
quick way in which Eastern
changed from defensive to offen-
sive.

"FRIENDLY" GAME

St. Joseph's, having only seven
regular players, were forced to
play a "friendly" game with the
Cumb, reinforced by four Interna-
tional Club players. The Club
won by two goals to one.

The Club, under the circum-
stances, are entitled to a "walk-
over" but this is subject to the
decision of the HKFA.

The Police display on Sunday
against Navy is any criterion, they
would have to improve consider-
ably to even extend South China
"A" whom they will meet in the
semi-final of the Senior Shield.
Navy won by the odd goal and
thus gained their first victory for
a long time.

The Police forwards were
palpably weak both in combination
and shooting though they
improved somewhat in the second
half. Howlett and Coull, who de-
putised for Ferrier, were the best
among a weak front line.

Navy, on the whole, played a
good game but the forwards were
too inclined to be individualistic.
Robinson's brilliance save the
Senior Service when, in the second
half, Police rallied.

KOTEWALL CUP

After a brilliant start, the Kotewall
Cup final between Army and
South China AA deteriorated into
a rather tame affair, the Chinese
nearly almost dominating all
exchanges. South China thus retain
the trophy for another year.

Guy, the interloper, was a
noble absentee. His place was
taken by Bright who played the
role of "policeman" to Lee Wart-
ong to perfection. Despite his
attention, Lee managed to evade
him on several occasions and on
one of which he scored a goal.

Bundy, of the Royal Signals,
did not show up well in his first
representative game at inside-
right. Fox received little or no
support while Hossack, playing
on the right-wing, was the most
dangerous forward.

The forwards showed their
usual fine co-operation, neat pass-
ing and accurate shooting. Of the
two flanks, the left combination of
Lai Shiu-wing and Ip Pak-wah
was seen in some nice passing
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ously schemed for openings.

The holders, once they got into
their stride, were the superior

TWO CRICKET SURPRISES
IN ONE AFTERNOONRecreio Go Down To C.C.C.
In Low-Scoring Game

(By "E. U. Ropes")

The biggest surprise in the Cricket League this season occurred last Saturday when the Craigengower Cricket Club beat Recreio, holders of the Senior Shield, in a low scoring match at Happy Valley. The holders must have been very surprised, but more surprised, I think, were the C.C.C. players, who got the reputedly strong Recreio bat-
ting side out for only 70 runs.

CLUB DE RECREIO
CRICKET TEAMS

The following have been chosen to represent the Club de Recreio on Saturday, in League games against the Kowloon Cricket Club. Both games to commence at 2 p.m. sharp.

1st XI Home: A. M. Rodrigues (Capt.), E. L. Gosano, P. M. N. G. Silva, Jr., H. L. Ozorio, L. G. Gosoano, W. A. Reed, G. N. Gosano, E. M. L. Soares, J. M. Gosano, A. P. Pereira, N. Beltrao. Scorer: A. A. Lopes.

2nd XI Away: A. M. Prata (Capt.), H. M. Xavier, A. E. Noronha, A. V. Gosano, G. A. Gutierrez, H. A. Barros, M. A. Remedios, A. J. M. Prata, J. A. Soares, J. E. Noronha, F. H. Carvalho.

H.K.C.C. 2ND XI.
V. UNIVERSITY

The following will represent the H.K.C.C. 2nd XI against the University 2nd XI at the H.K.C.C. on Saturday, at 2 p.m.:

E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt.), H. J. Armstrong, C. W. E. Bishop, G. E. R. D'Avet, Surg. Lt. Com. W. G. Finnie, Capt. J. F. Lawrence, H. J. D. Lowe, Brigadier T. Macleod, D. O. Parsons, R. S. W. Patterson, D. S. Robb.

The 1st XI match v. I.R.C. 1st XI has been postponed owing to the Rugger Match between the Club and Hongkong & Shanghai Bank taking away more than half of the H.K.C.C. 1st XI.

NAVY "A" AND
R.E. DRAW
AT RUGGER

A very evenly contested rugby game took place yesterday at Causeway Bay between the Navy "A" and the Royal Engineers resulting in a draw 3-3. Play was fast and interesting throughout.

Birell and Waite were out-
standing for the Sappers whilst
Paul and Clark gave a good ac-
count of themselves for the Navy.
Birell scored for the Royals
Carter for the Navy.

Navy "A": Stevens, Bowden,
Paul, Hall and Kennedy; Carter
and Clark; Palmer, Brown, Bar-
low, King, Longmuir; Ferris, Jones
and Noonan.

Royal Engineers: Otway, Bir-
rell, Jones, Arthington and Mor-
ton; Waite and Foley; Euzan,
Pike, Ford; Blackman, Davy;
Brinkley, Killern and Sheldrake.

Y.M.C.A. HOCKEY
TEAMS

The following will represent the Y.M.C.A. at hockey this week:

THURSDAY

"A" XI v. 24th Battery, R.A.
(Y" ground, 5 p.m.): Benwell,
Pennington and Tomlinson Units;
McLellan and Coombes; Corser,
Gemmell, White, Colledge and
Ireson.

SATURDAY

1st XI v. K.I.T.C. (Y" ground,
4.15 p.m.): Benwell; Jordan and
Yorkeff; Kempston, Pennington
and Gilchrist; Smith, Gemmell,
Taylor, Ely and Bates.

2nd XI v. Combined Small Units
(U.S.R.C., 4.15 p.m.): A. N. Other,
Kleen and Dornier; Units, Tom-
linson and Broch; Macy, Green-
berg, Corser, Ireson and Banks.

side. Their defence was very
strong, Cheung Wing-choi again
turning in a good performance,
but their intermediate line was
one of the weakest that the Chinese
have fielded in a representa-
tive match. Kwok Ying-ki, after
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GENERAL

THE BENNIE
RAILPLANEILLUSTRATED TALK
TO ROTARIANS

The Bennie Railplane was the
subject of a talk, illustrated with
lantern-slides, given by Prof. W.
Brown at the Rotary Club
luncheon meeting at the Hongkong
Hotel yesterday.

SUCCESSFUL TRIALS

Designed by George Bennie, a
well-known Glasgow engineer, the
railplane has proved successful in
trials, but has never been tested on
a large commercial scale. As a
method of conveyance, it is
claimed to be faster than the
railway. It is suspended from
overhead rails.

VISITORS & GUESTS

Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy presided
and introduced the visiting Rotarians
A. Archangelsky, from Stan-
dard Oil Co., Marantette, from Ann
Arbor, Michigan, and the follow-
ing guests:—Messrs. G. E. R.
Divetti, J. S. Stewart, R. B. Maca,
Major R. E. Moody, Messrs. M. H.
Turner, C. C. Lin, A. Nissim, E.
F. Buttress, J. E. Spencer, Weibin
Tong, O. C. Stewart, E. R. Lamb
and Drs. R. B. McClure, K. C.
Cheam and C. Robertson.

STOLID BATTING

Ernie Zimmerman opened the bat-
ting for the Valley team and batted
very solidly for 24 runs. Harry
Esmail made 17 and Hulse and
Percy Iannai, ten apiece, but the
rest failed. Eddie Gosano took
three wickets for 34 runs and "L.G."
had 3 for 11.

Recreio started disastrously,

three of the first four men getting
"blobs." I hear Eddie Gosano
was run out in attempting a
suicidal one. That is very un-
like Eddie, and if he had stayed,
I feel a different complexion
might have been put on the game.

I was not at the game, but a
spectator told me that Eddie
Gosano, who only used one glove,
was hit on the "ungloved" hand.
He was rather "sore" (and I am
not trying to be funny) and let
fly at the next one which he
missed and was bowled neck and
crop.

TOO IMPATIENT?

Billingham took four wickets for
17 runs, being the most success-
ful C. C. bowler. G. N. Gosano
(27) and W. A. Reed (12) put up
a stand, but the others failed—
those latter batsmen through
trying to knock off the runs in too
much of a hurry.

Well, and so that was that!

The result of this game has put
the K. C. C. in a very fine position
to win the Shield for the
1939-40 season. They meet Recreio
at King's Park this weekend
and they can afford a draw, provided
they do not lose their last game,
against the Indians.

ANOTHER SURPRISE

Another surprise (this one in the
Second Division) confounded
critics when the Indian Recre-
ation Club beat the Police at Happy
Valley. Hero of this game was
M. R. Abbas, former I. R. C.
captain, who took seven wickets
for 32 runs, and then making a
very useful 17 runs.

Early in the season the Indians
were regarded as a team that
was far above the average, but
they have knitted themselves into
a well-balanced side, their weak-
ness perhaps being in the fielding
department.

OTHER GAMES

Indian Recreation Club beat the
Civil Service in the Senior League
and, in the Junior section
Craigengower took full points
from the University and Army
beat the Air Force.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

League tables for the two
Divisions, brought up-to-date, are
as follows:

FIRST DIVISION

P. W. L. D. Pts.

K. C. C. 4 2 0 0 12

I. R. C

HONGKONG SHARE QUOTATIONS

STOCK EXCHANGE

SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Nominal	TUESDAY 27. FEB.	Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Nominal
\$1400	\$1430	C.D.		H.K. Bank	\$1470	C.D.		
...	...	X.D.	288	Do. (Col. Reg.)	...	X.D.	291	
...	...	X.D.	291	Do. (Loc. Reg.)	...	X.D.	299	
...	29	Chartered Banks	...	...	29	
...	291	Mercantile Bks. "A"	...	...	291	
...	291	Mercantile Bks. "C"	...	...	291	
...	298	Bank of East Asia	...	...	298	
...	298	N. C. & K. Roads	...	...	300	
...	Insurances	...	...	...
...	Castor Insurance	\$235	...	...
...	Union Insurance	\$280	...	...
...	Underwriters	90,000	...	...
...	H.K. Fire	...	...	188	
...	Shipping	...	...	...
...	Douglas	\$100	...	...
...	Steamboats	...	...	100	
...	Indo-China (Prod.)	...	...	100	
...	Indo-China (Del.)	...	...	120	
...	Shells	78/1	...	78/1	
...	Waterboats	...	...	...
...	Docks, Wharves, Godowns etc.	3740	...	...
...	H.K. & K. Wharves	102	...	...
...	Providence (new)	85	...	85	
...	H.K. & W. Docks	232	...	232	
...	Do. (new)	...	...	...
...	Shanghai Docks S.	...	...	444	
...	New Engineering S.	...	...	...
...	Mining	...	...	...
...	...	X.D.	17/8	Kallang	...	...	19/-	
...	Rooms	10	...	...
...	Versailles Gold Pla	...	...	33	
...	Hong Kong Hotels and	...	...	...
...	30 cts.	Lands, Hotels and	...	...	...
...	Buildings	...	...	...
...	H.K. Hotels	...	...	550/0	
...	H.K. Lands	391	...	394/40	
...	Do. 4% Debentures	...	...	100	
...	Shanghai Lands S.	...	...	...
...	H.K. Realities	85	...	85	
...	Humparries	...	...	...
...	Chinese Estates	72	...	...
...	Cotton Mills	...	...	...
...	Sw. (S.)	...	...	200/0	
...	Sh. (S.)	...	...	200/0	
...	Sh. (S.)	...	...	200/0	
...	Sh. (S.)	...	...	200/0	
...	Wing On Textiles (S.)	100	...	...
...	Public Utilities	...	...	...
...	Tramways	...	...	18.50	
...	Peak Trams (old)	...	...	...
...	Peak Trams (new)	...	...	34	
...	Star Ferries	87	...	...
...	Do. (new)	87	...	...
...	China Lights (O)	...	...	88.90	
...	China Lights (New)	85	...	...
...	China Lights Rts.	...	...	...
...	H.K. Electric	868	869	69/60	
...	Macao Electric	...	...	...
...	Sandakan Lights	...	...	...
...	Telephones (old)	...	...	31.80/3	
...	Telephones (new)	...	...	11.50/7	
...	Tractions	...	...	...
...	Tractions (prod.)	...	...	22/-	
...	Industrials	...	...	...
...	Cald. Macq. (Ord.) S.	...	...	...
...	Cald. Macq. (Prod.) S.	...	...	...
...	Canton Ices	...	...	81	
...	Cements	...	...	92	
...	Ropes	...	...	86	
...	Miscellaneous	...	...	...
...	Dairy Farm (Old)	...	...	823	
...	Dairy Farm (New)	...	...	823	
...	Ch. Yantaiensis	740	...	...
...	Constructions (old)	...	...	1.85	
...	Constructions (new)	...	...	...
...	Lane Crawfords	...	...	86	
...	Nanyang Tobacco	821	...	...
...	Sineries	82	...	...
...	Watsons	...	...	89.80	
...	CH. 8% 1926 Bds.	...	...	80%	
...	H.K. Govt. 4% Loan	...	...	100%	
...	H.K. Govt. 3% Loan	...	...	96%	
...	H.K. Wing On	...	...	841	
...	H.K. Wing On	...	...	841	
...	Vibro Filing	...	...	89.10	
...	Marmans Inv. (Lon.)	...	...	...
...	Marmans Inv. (H.K.)	...	...	...
...	Wm. Powles	...	...	...
...	Sales to Shanghai	81	...	...

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

London, Feb. 26. The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.

War Loan, 34% (Red. after 1952) 90-3/8
Canton-Kloon Ry. 5% 16
Chinese 41% Gold Loan 1898 (Brit. Issue) 60
Chinese 5% Gold Bonds 1925-47 50
Chin. 44% Anglo-French Loan 1908 50
Chinese 5% Crisp Loan 1912 30
Chinese 5% Reorg. Loan 1913 (Ldn. I.) 40
Chinese 8% Ster. Notes 1925 (Vickers) 12
Chin. Imperial Ry. 5% Loan 55
Hunan Ry. 5% 16
Hukuang Ry. 5% 1911 19
Hufuang Ry. 5% 1911 (German Issue) 17
Lung Tsing & U. Hui Ry. 5% 1912 14
Shai-Ningk Ry. 5% 20
Tientsin-Pukow Ry. 5% (Brit. Stpd.) 16
Tientsin-Pukow Ry. 5% (German Stpd.) 16
Tientsin-Pukow Ry. 5% (Brit. Stpd. Supl. Loan) 16
Tientsin-Pukow Ry. 5% (Brit. Stpd. Supl. Loan) 16
Tientsin-Pukow Ry. 5% (Ger. Stpd. Supl. Loan) 16
Jap. 5% Ster. Loan 1907 52
Jap. 6% Ster. Loan 1924 554
Ger. 7% Int'l. Loan 1924 74
Chartered Bank 9
H.K. & Shai Bank (Ldn. Reg.) 89
H.K. & Shai Bank (Col. Reg.) 91
Chinese Eng. & Mining (bearer) 17/64

Finance and Commerce

Bonus Share Offer By H.K. Docks

Subject to audit, the Directors of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co. Ltd. will recommend to Shareholders, at the forthcoming annual meeting, the following appropriation of the amount at credit of Profit and Loss Account at December 31, 1939, viz.:

Pay a Dividend of 8 per cent. per annum and a Bonus of 4 per cent. per annum.

Place to General Reserve 500,000.00

Place to Special Reserve for Extensions 350,000.00

Pay Bonus to Staff 60,000.00

And carried forward to new account about 200,000.00

BONUS SHARE

The Board have decided to make an offer to members of the Company, as shown on the Register of Members on the 26th day of March, 1940, of one unissued share in the capital of the Company in the nominal value of \$10 at a premium of \$2 in the proportion of one unissued share for every complete three issued shares of the Company then held by such members respectively.

Shares so allotted shall rank for dividend as from the 1st day of July 1940. Forms of offer will be sent out in due course.

H.K. STOCK EXCHANGE

The easing off in prices noticed at the close yesterday was again in evidence today. However, in spite of this, business continues on a generous scale.

BUYERS
H.K. Bank \$1460.
Union Ins. \$480.
Hotels \$54.
Humphreys \$74.
Tramways \$18.20.
Yaumati Ferries, \$271.
Ropes \$6.

SELLERS
H.K. Bank \$1480.
Hotels \$580.
Lands \$41.
Tramways \$18.40.
Electrics \$69.
Telephones (N.) \$124.
Watsons \$9.80.
Entertainments \$7.30.

SALES
H.K. Bank \$1480/75.
Bank of East Asia \$77.
Union Ins. \$4824.
H.K. Docks \$241/24/23.80
Providents \$5.05/5.
Lands \$40/404.

Realties \$5.
Tramways \$18.40/25.30
Yaumati Ferries \$28.

China Lights (O) \$8.80/70.
Electrics \$69/64.
Telephones (O) \$314/31/31.
Cements \$20.10/20.20/20.

Ropes \$8.10.
Watsons \$9.80.

Standard, Cams 247 247-1/4

3 months 246-1/2 246-3/4

RAUB GOLD REPORT

Raub Australian Gold Mining Co. Report No. 556.

Fine Ounces 1807, Profit \$47,000.

LONDON METALS EXCHANGE

London, Feb. 26. (Reuter).

Buyers sellers

FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

MONEY AND EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS

FEBRUARY 27, 1940

On London:—
Telegraphic Transfer 1/2 13/16
Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 13/16
Credits 4 months' sight 1.3.1/3On Shanghai:—
On demand 348On Singapore:—
On demand 52 1/2On Japan:—
On demand 103On India:—
Telegraphic Transfer 82 1/8

and demand 1/2 13/16

On New York:—
Bank Bills, on demand 24/5/16
Credits, 60 days' sight 21/15/16On Batavia:—
On demand 45 1/4On Paris:—
Bank Bills, on demand 1083

Credits 4 months' sight 140

On Saigon:—
On demand 108 1/4On Manila:—
On demand 48 5/8On Bangkok:—
On demand 151 1/4On Sterling Notes:—
Bank Buying Rate 1/3 11/16

Bar Silver per oz. 20 3/16

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

The price for Ready Silver was unchanged yesterday but the forward rate rose 1/16 to 20.1/4. Silver advices reported the market as being quietly steady with very small business done. American Silver was quoted at 343/4 for spot.

The London-New York cross-rate was quoted at 402.1/2. New York-London was quoted at 395.3/8.

Market

Sterling

There were sellers after the opening at 1/2.7/8 February/May, buyers bidding 1/2.29/32 February. Subsequently sellers came out at 1/2.29/32 resulting in business at 1/2.29/32 for February. The market closed at lunch time with sellers at 1/2.29/32 February and 1/2.78 March/June, buyers at 1/2.15/16 Cash and probably 1/2.29/32 April.

U.S. Dollars

Sellers at 24.1/2 February and 24/7/16 March, buyers at 24.9/16 Cash.

Shanghai Dollars

Sellers at 359 buyers at 360 for Cash.

Shanghai Market

Opened with sellers of Sterling at 4.9/64 and U.S. Dollars at 8.13/16 sellers for spot. Subsequently the rate dropped to 4.1/8 and 6.25/32 and at the close at noon the rate rose again to 4.9/64 and 6.13/16.

AFTERNOON MARKET

The market in the afternoon was extremely quiet.

Sterling

There were sellers at 1/2.29/32 February and 1/2.7/8 March/June, buyers at 1/2.15/16 Cash and 1/2.29/32 April.

U.S. Dollars

Sellers at 24.1/2 March and 24/7/16 April, buyers at 24.9/16 Cash and 24.1/2 April.

Shanghai Dollars

369. Shanghai Market
Sterling 4.9/64 and U.S. Dollars 8.13/16.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Feb. 27 (Reuter).

Official T.T. Rates

London 0/4

New York 6-8/18

Japan 27-7/8

India 22-1/8

Paris 224

Hongkong 23-3/4

Sellers

Opening Closing

Spot 0/4-9/64 0/4-9/64

Feb. 0/4-9/64 0/4-9/64

Mar. 0/4-3/32 0/4-3/32

U.S. Dollars

Spot 8-13/16 8-13/16

Feb. 8-13/16 8-13/16

Mar. 6-23/32 6-23/32

Market:—Quiet.

Merchant Rates

Sterling 0/4-1/8.

U.S. Dollars 8-3/4.

Silver Duty Rate

The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/2.

The Equalisation rate was 6 per cent.

India Rupee Paper

Bombay, Feb. 28 (Reuter).

Govt 31/2 Rupee, 92-3-0.

Calcutta Exchange

Calcutta, Feb. 26 (Reuter).

T.T. on Japan, 80-1/8.

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COMMODITY MARKET REVIEW

(FROM PAYNE & CO.)

NEW YORK, FEBRUARY 28, 1940.

SINGAPORE RUBBER Previous February 28
Buyers Buyers Change

S P O T 38-1/4 37-3/4 37-5/8 off 5/8

A P R I L 35-5/8 36 36 "

M A Y 35-1/4 34-5/8 34-5/8 "

J U L Y - S E P T .

The market was easier.

LONDON RUBBER Previous close Today's close
Buyers Change

S P O T 12-3/4 12-15/16 up 3/16

A P R I L 12-5/16 12-9/16 up 1/4

M A Y 11-7/8 12 up 1/8

O C T - D E C . 11-1/16 11-1/16 "

After opening quietly easier, the market firmed up on covering and demand for near positions and scarcity sellers.

NEW YORK COTTON: There was a broad general demand but spot house selling for March was noticeable. Prices closed barely steady on increased price fixing at a result of a large sale of goods.

NEW YORK RUBBER: Factory interest has slightly improved. Shipment offerings are small and at higher prices.

CHICAGO WHEAT: Heavy hedge-selling against loan repossession depressed the market but the tone was technically improved by the recent sales.

NEW YORK STOCKS: Previous close, 146.72; Today's close 146.44; Change, off 28.

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

Prev. Today's

High Low Close Close Change

New York Cotton, Mar. 11.19 11.11 11.11 11.14 .03 up

New York Rubber, Mar. 18.35 18.20 18.21 18.27 .06 up

Chicago Wheat, May 104 102 104 102 2 off

Chicago Corn, May 564 561 563 563 1 off

New York Hides, Mar. 12.77 12.59 13.80 13.59 21 up

Total sales Saturday's 64,500 bales.

First Notice Day for March Cotton—27/2—Last Notice Day—15/3

NEW YORK RUBBER Close Opening Closing Change

March 11.11/12 11.13/13 11.14/14 .03 up

May 10.86/86 10.90/90 10.91/93 .05 up

July 10.49/50 10.52/52 10.55/55 .06 up

July (New contract) 10.62/63 10.66/66 10.68/68 .05 up

October (") 9.88/88 9.92/91 9.89/89 .03 up

December (") 9.76/76 9.82/82 9.78/78 .02 up

January (") 9.73/73 9.79/79 9.74/74 .01 up

Spot 11.28 N 11.33 N .05 up

Total sales Saturday's 1,640 tons.

First Notice Day for March Rubber—28/2—Last Trading Day—27/3

CHICAGO WHEAT

May 104/104 104/103 102/102 2 off

July 102/102 101/101 100/100 2 off

September 102/102 101/100 100/100 2 off

Saturday's sales: 23,033,000 bushels.

CHICAGO CORN

May 564/561 564/561 564/561 1 off

July 574/574 574/574 574/574 1 off

September 574/574 574/574 574/574 1 off

WINNIPEG WHEAT

May 894/894 894/894 887/887 1 off

July 904/904 897/897 897/897 1 off

October 912/912 912/912 912/912 1 off

NEW YORK HIDES

March 13.80/82 13.71/774 13.59/63 21 off

June 14.12/13 14.06/07 13.91/93 21 off

September 14.40b/44a 14.38/35 14.20/23 20 off

First notice day for March hides:—28/2/40 last trading day:—24/3/40.

New York, Official unquoted 34-3/4

NY-London Cross Rate 3.95-3/8 3.95-3/8

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

QUOTATION
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**U.S. Ambassador To Vatican
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NEW YORK: President Roosevelt, in his address to the second session of the Seventy-Sixth Congress, clearly defined the peace policy of the United States and definitely instructed his Ambassador-at-Large to the Vatican, Myron C. Taylor, regarding the "minimum terms" acceptable to this country, in the opinion of Lewis Waldman, nationally-known liberal lawyer and Chairman of the National Council for Social Democracy.

Mr. Waldman was one of three speakers at a hypothetical peace conference held at the New School for Social Research. Others were Philip Guedalla, British author and lecturer, and Jean-Yves Le Branchu, lecturer on economics at the University of Paris.

Mr. Waldman characterized President Roosevelt's Message to Congress as "welcome, because it was timely and fortunate; because it constituted explicit instructions to Mr. Taylor who certainly cannot now commit the United States in his Vatican talks to any premature efforts to promulgate peace on Hitler's terms."

REASSURING TO LIBERALS

"Mr. Roosevelt now allays the fears of many American liberals who felt that the appointment of Mr. Taylor was playing into the hands of Hitler," he said. "He becomes definitely a messenger of peace on terms that will not recognize Hitler's dominance or the dominance of any dictator force."

Mr. Waldman quoted President Roosevelt in support of his premise that the Nation's peace policy had been established, recalling that, without naming the countries, the President plainly asserted that the Allies must come out of the war victorious if the American people were to be satisfied.

He quoted the President that "the future world would be a shabby and dangerous place if it is ruled by force—force is the hands of a few"—and interpreted this as indicating the Administration was against Germany and Russia and holds this country has a "direct interest in the outcome of the war."

Mr. Waldman listed six points upon which, as far as the United States was concerned, any European peace must be based. They were:

SIX POINTS OF PEACE

1. Disarmament—necessary to satisfy the American wish to be a non-military nation.

2. World-wide adoption of the American "Good Neighbour Policy." There must be no more power politics. Democratic relations must be maintained between all nations.

3. Security for individuals as well as nations.

4. International free trade, a peace that does not envisage a democratic Europe, a democratic trade between all nations, is a peace that will breed future wars.

5. The economic and cultural rights of our nationals, must be maintained in Europe.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE
From 28 Feb. to 5 Mar. 1940.

Days of Week	Date of Month	HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
		Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Wed.	28	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
		—	—	—	—
		1251	6 1	1910	2 1
		1340	5 0	0850	4 8
		0810	4 4	0725	3 3
		1442	6 0	2210	2 5
		0453	4 6	0600	3 6
		1657	4 0	0350	2 3
		0645	4 0	0919	3 9
		1715	6 1	—	—
Mon.	4	0800	4 3	0010	2 0
		1825	6 2	1115	4 0
		0835	4 5	0135	1 8
		1921	6 4	1229	3 8

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WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory

10 a.m. (at sea level) 30.08 ins.

Temperature, 63 F.

Humidity, 79 per cent.

Wind Direction, E/S

Wind Force (Beaufort), 4.

Temperature: maximum yesterday

65 F.

Temperature, minimum last night

60 F.

Rainfall for 24 hrs, ending 10 a.m.

today, nil.

Total rainfall since January 1st

0.33 ins.

Against an average of, 2.61 ins.

Sunset tonight 6.28 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow, 6.47 a.m.

4 p.m., Feb. 27.

Barometer (at sea level), 29.98 ins.

Temperature, 66 F.

Humidity, 74 per cent.

Wind Direction, E/S.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 4.

Maximum temperature, 69 F.

Minimum temperature, 60 F.

Rainfall, nil.

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Mr. Le Branchu stressed the French view of the need of setting up autonomous groups.

"The United States of Europe cannot be accomplished right away," he added, "but groups of

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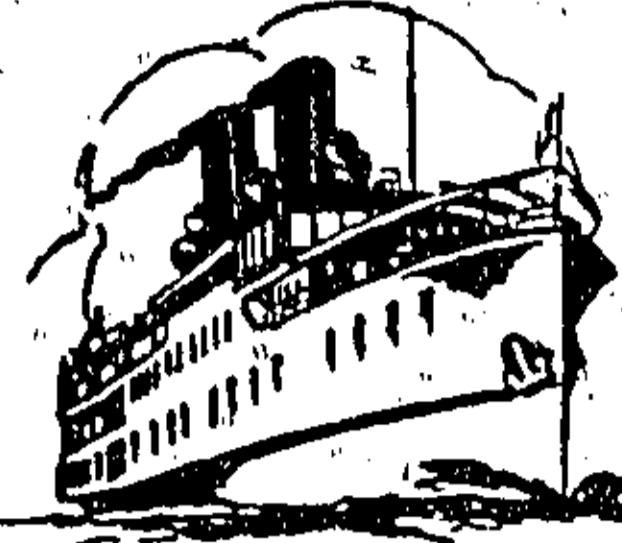
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Agent.
Hong Kong, 1939.

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Cremation Of All Bodies Found On The Streets: Urban Council Decision

The intention of the authorities to cremate all bodies found on the streets, especially of those who had died from infectious diseases, was announced by the Chairman of the Urban Council, Mr. W. J. Carrie, at yesterday's meeting.

"You are no doubt aware that some years ago a crematorium was erected at Kau Lung Wan Cemetery," said Mr. Carrie. "This crematorium has been very rarely used, but I have now received instructions to bring it into full use."

Tin Price Shows Big Rise

QUOTA DECISION SURPRISE

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuters)—Following the International Tin Committee's decision to fix the quota for the second quarter at 80 per cent, business transacted in forward tin went up to 254 in inter-office dealings, representing a rise of 7.10. on the official closing.

While some sections of the market discussed for some time the cut of between 30 and 40 per cent, the decision came as a surprise to the majority of tin circles and such a reduction of the quota had not been discounted in trading.

MARKET OPINION
Market circles agree that under the new quota, production approximates current consumption but leaves no margin for possible contingencies. At the same time it is not overlooked that the United Kingdom stock position is now comfortable, as evidenced by the readiness of the authorities to grant export licences more freely.

NETHERLANDS INFLUENCE
Some express the opinion that the Committee's decision may have been influenced by possible representations from Netherlands' interests for a higher price, in view of the 14 per cent decline in the value of sterling since the war.

The opinion is also expressed that any such claim will undoubtedly be supported by the British, in view of the importance of tin as a source for foreign exchange.

LORD TWEEDSMUIR'S ASHES TAKEN TO ELSFIELD VILLAGE

LONDON, Feb. 27 (Reuters)—Lord Tweedsmuir's ashes will be taken to the little village of Elsfield, north of Oxford, where Lord Tweedsmuir made his home for many years.

AMERICAN RED CROSS

BERLIN, Feb. 27 (Reuters)—It was announced that the German Government has given the American Red Cross permission to carry out relief work in the Territory of the Government General of Poland.

FREE OF DUTY
Representatives of the American organisation will be allowed to enter this territory to distribute supplies from America, in conjunction with the German Red Cross. These supplies will be admitted duty-free and at reduced transport charges.

The territory indicated excludes Pomerania, Posen, and Upper-Silesia, which was annexed to the Reich after the September "Blitzkrieg."

SAITO CASE

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guilty of sedition and recommended severe punishment of the outspoken parliamentarian.

It remains to be seen what steps the Yonai Cabinet will take, while it is freely predicted that this incident may lead to the collapse of Admiral Yonai, who is never liked by the Army, which was slighted by those close to the Throne in turning down the War Minister, Gen. Shunroku Hata as the premier.

Rebuking his critics, Mr. Saito said that they did not understand constitutional government or the meaning of parliamentary interpellation.

"It is intended to cremate all bodies, especially those who had died from infectious diseases, such as small-pox or cholera, which are dumped in the streets and elsewhere in the Colony."

"The ashes of these bodies, while they will be treated reverently, will not be buried in numbered graves."

"When dumped bodies are buried as they are at present, we have on more than one occasion discovered funeral rites being performed before this unknown person's grave. The relatives must have taken a considerable amount of trouble and incurred some expense, probably greater in excess of the cost of burial in tracing the deceased's burial place."

FEAR OF ACTION

"It was not economic necessity, therefore, that forced them to dump the dead body, but fear of action by the Health authorities."

"In the case of deaths by infectious diseases, these people are then a menace to the rest of the community in that they avoid all co-operation with the Health authorities in limiting the infection," said Mr. Carrie.

"It is hoped that by cremating these bodies, and arranging that there should be no easily recognisable burial place for the ashes, that dumping may cease."

OFFENSIVE TRADE

The Council approved that the trade of making chloride of lime, or bleaching powder, should be declared an offensive trade.

Four applications for bird shop licences and one for a laundry licence were refused. In the case of the bird shop at No. 1 Cochrane Street, the Chairman said that the business had been established for upwards of 60 years, and it was decided to give notice to the owners to find other suitable premises within six months.

THOSE PRESENT

The following members were present:—Mr. W. J. Carrie (Chairman), Dr. N. C. MacLeod, Hon. Mr. A. B. Purves, Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North, Hon. Mr. T. H. King, Mr. F. C. Hall, Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy, Mr. A. el Arefli, Dr. S. N. Chau, Hon. Mr. W. N. Thomas Tam, Mr. B. Wong, T. P. Mr. Tang Shiu-kin, Mr. C. J. Roe (Secretary), Mr. Lin Ping-tseung (Asst. Secretary).

CHUNGKING

Feb. 26 (Central)

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ANOTHER DEVELOPMENT IN THE ALTMARK CASE

Norwegian Comment On British Statement

There has been another development in the Altmark case.

A Reuter report from Oslo states that the removal of the misunderstanding between Norway and Britain on regulations concerning the passage of warships through Norwegian territorial waters—disclosed in a statement issued by the British Government—evoked comment from a high official of the Norwegian Ministry for Foreign Affairs this morning.

Last night the British Government in its statement, recalled that on February 20, M. Koht, Norwegian Minister, declared that Britain had "inquired from the Norwegian Government in the summer of 1939" how Norwegian neutrality regulations, dealing with the passage through territorial waters, was to be understood and emphasized that warships must have the right to sail in Norwegian territorial waters as long as they desired and without regard to the 24-hour limit.

NO FOUNDATION

There is no foundation for such a statement, it is pointed out in the latest official British announcement, which also revealed that M. Koht had spontaneously acknowledged that his statement of Feb. 20 was made from memory and that he had been "mistaken" in saying that the British Government had made any reference to the 24-hour limit.

NOT DENIED

The British Government's statement, in this connexion, declared:

"While His Majesty's Government do not deny this, there may, in special circumstances, be the right to refuse to belligerent warships entry into neutral territorial waters, which have always maintained, and must continue to maintain, the existence of such right of entry for the purpose of innocent passage and they are not aware of any case in which it has been refused by neutrals to belligerents for this purpose."

BANK OF CANTON PROFITS

SHANGHAI, Feb. 27 (Reuters)

—Profits amounting to over HK. \$2,400,000 were declared by the Bank of Canton in Hongkong, says the Ta Mei Wan Pao.

The Shareholders' annual meeting will be convened on Mar. 9, the report states.

Price Issue Controversy In Japan

DUAL POLICY OF GOVERNMENT

TOKYO, Feb. 27 (Reuters)

The morning newspapers here feature a statement made by Mr. G. Fujiwara, Minister of Commerce, in the Lower House yesterday afternoon, to the effect that official control of prices would have to be raised for some commodities to ensure expansion of productivity and to eliminate totally the "Black Market" transaction.

INCONSISTENT

This clarifies the fact, state the newspapers, that the Government's low-price policy will be seriously revised, since it has become an obvious dual policy; maintaining low prices and, at the same time, expanding productivity is inconsistent.

The controversy in the Diet on the price issues may be expected to become more heated, it adds.

ROYAL SCOT COLLAPSES IN STREET

The report featured in yesterday's evening papers that Pte. Cruikshanks of the Royal Scots, who was taken to the Military Hospital on Monday night after collapsing in the street, died whilst being conveyed to the hospital, is totally unfounded.

The military authorities stated yesterday that the condition of the soldier was serious but he was very much alive and that there was hope for his recovery. Pte. Cruikshanks was found by a Chinese constable lying in Salisbury Road, Kowloon, about 8.45 p.m. on Monday. He was taken to the Kowloon Hospital, but later was removed to the Bowen Road Military Hospital.

It was suspected that he was suffering from internal haemorrhage.

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